



**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
6401 E. LINCOLN DRIVE
PARADISE VALLEY, ARIZONA 85253
SUMMARIZED MINUTES**

MAY 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor LeMarr called to order the Town Council meeting of the Town of Paradise Valley, Arizona, held at Town Hall 6401 E. Lincoln Drive, on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 4:30 PM.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Scott P. LeMarr
Vice Mayor Mary Hamway
Council Member Michael Collins
Council Member Paul E. Dembow
Council Member Pam Kirby
Council Member Vernon B. Parker
Council Member Lisa Trueblood

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Town Manager James C. Bacon, Jr.
Town Attorney Andrew Miller
Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager David Andrews
Town Clerk Duncan Miller
Community Development Director Eva Cutro
Planner George Burton
Municipal Court Director Jeanette Wiesenhofer
Financial Services Manager Lenore Lancaster
Public Works Director Andrew Cooper
Police Chief John Bennett
Town Engineer William Mead

Visioning Committee Final Report

Councilmember Trueblood presented the Visioning Committee final report. The Visioning Committee was made up of 27 residents, three of which also served on the General Plan Advisory Committee to provide continuity. The Committee held 8 public meetings, 2 community meetings, and issued 2 questionnaires between November and March 2011.

The Committee was tasked to identify Town characteristics that were valued and should be maintained in the future. The Committee was also to prepare vision statements for the General Plan Elements.

The dominate characteristics and themes that came out of the process included:

- Primarily One-Acre zoning
- Public safety
- Limited Government
- Sustainable and affordable water
- Greater sense of community
- Partnerships with existing schools and resorts to enhance recreational opportunities
- Preservation of natural open space
- Aesthetic beauty and privacy

The dominant challenges discussed by the Committee were:

- How to fund basic Town services such as police and fire
- Providing adequate water supply while preserving natural resources
- Preserving natural open space while providing recreational space
- Redevelopment of Mountain Shadows / Blighted properties
- Improve motorized and non-motorized circulation while limiting through traffic on Town roadways
- Maintaining the low-residential character of our Town while acknowledging an aging population
- Improve the quality of open space and ROWs
- Future development – commercial / privacy vs. public access in residential

The Town's Vision 2011

- Paradise Valley is a premier, low density, residential community
- Centrally located while preserving privacy, quietness and dark skies
- Incorporation was hard fought with conscious decision to support natural desert, residential community with limited commercial and limited government
- Our future will preserve our independent spirit
- Our future will be defined by preserving our characteristic low-density housing, natural open space and mountain views
- Local government will provide quality public safety and other limited services
- Our world-class resorts, churches, schools and other limited non-residential development will continue to evolve
- But will always respect the quality of life of Town residents

She summarized the Vision Statements for the various elements of the General Plan.

Council discussed the policy statement regarding gated communities and pedestrian access to those communities. Based on feedback from the resident questionnaire and from members of the Committee, there was strong consensus that new gated communities should not be prohibited and that gated communities should be allowed to restrict pedestrian and bicycle access. Responding to a question from Council about how the current draft General Plan addresses gated

communities, Councilmember Collins (Chair of the General Plan Advisory Committee) stated that gated communities had been addressed in the Land Use section of the 2003 General Plan and has been moved to the Mobility section of the 2012 Plan. He said the policy is a continuation of the “discourage new gates on private roadways” and removes the requirement for public access to gated communities – existing and new.

Mr. Bacon stated that Council will begin discussing the General Plan on June 23 and will continue through the early fall.

FY 2011-12 Budget – First Reading

Mr. Bacon explained that the adoption of a tentative budget and setting expenditure limitations are required by Arizona statutes. The budget resolution uses the Auditor General forms A-F as required by state law. The resolution includes annual budgets for all Town Funds and it reflects all changes identified by the Mayor and Council through April 28th.

He said questions have been raised by Council about using the HURF fund for use in street resurfacing. The budget impact would be \$1,100,000. He also suggested that the Council consider eliminating the furlough currently in the budget. The budget impact would be \$99,858.

Responding to a question from the Council, he stated these amendments could be easily funded by General Fund Reserves.

Capital Improvement Projects

Mr. Bacon discussed proposed capital improvement projects for fiscal years 2011-12 through 2015-2016. He said there is a total of \$3,399,400 in utility undergrounding projects; \$12,433,700 in street projects; and \$5,649,000 in other projects.

Council asked if engineering designs should be done for the proposed public safety communications improvement project in FY 2011-12. Mr. Bacon responded that the project is not programmed because it is intended to be financed using revenue from the newly-adopted fire service fee. He said that revenue from the fee will not be available until FY 2012-13.

Mr. Bacon stated that the list of projects represents what staff believes is crucial to maintain the Town’s infrastructure. He said where the revenue comes from is a different policy discussion.

He explained that \$5,020,167 is available under current policy to fund capital projects from General Fund Reserves. He said Council will receive a briefing on August 25 regarding the reserve fund policy during which time Council may wish to change the policy governing

minimum and maximum limits. He emphasized that general fund reserves will be used to fund capital projects in 2011-12.

Mayor LeMarr recessed the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Town Council may go into executive session at one or more times during the meeting as needed to confer with the Town Attorney for legal advice regarding any of the agenda items listed on the agenda as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.03.A.3.

No action was taken on the item.

RECONVENE FOR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor LeMarr reconvened the meeting of the Town Council at 6:00 P.M.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor LeMarr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Resident Dorothy Smith spoke in favor of the newly adopted fire service fee. However she suggested that the fee should be based on square footage and not a \$30 or \$50 flat fee.

MAYOR / COUNCIL / MANAGER REPORT

Councilmember Dembow recognized Finance Director/Assistant Town Manager David Andrews for receiving the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA.

Councilmember Kirby reported that Arizona American Water will host an open house on Friday, May 20 from 4-6 p.m. at their office on Cattle Track Road. This will be an opportunity for customers to meet with company officials to discuss the acquisition of Arizona American by EPCOR.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of April 28, 2011 Town Council Meeting**
- b. Adoption of Motion Authorizing the Town Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Arizona Child Abduction Response Team (AZCART)**
Recommendation: Approve Paradise Valley Police Department participation in the Arizona Child Abduction Response Team (AZCART).
Staff Contact: John Bennett, Police Chief, 480-948-7418
- c. Adoption of Resolution Number 1236; Appointing a Hearing Officer and Directing a Public Hearing to be Held regarding the Issuance of Educational Facility Revenue Bonds (Montessori Academy Project) in an Aggregate Principal Amount of \$685,000 by the Industrial Development Authority of Pima County**
Recommendation: Adopt Resolution Number 1236.
Staff Contact: Andrew M. Miller, Town Attorney, 480-348-3691

Mr. Bacon summarized the items on the Consent Agenda.

Motion and vote – Vice Mayor Hamway moved to approve the consent agenda as submitted. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7 – 0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of Adoption of Resolution Number 1234 Approving the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012

Mr. Bacon presented the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Tentative Budget. He stated that it is a balanced budget and maintains funding for the Post Office and the Alarm Monitoring service; however staffing levels for those programs will be reduced. He stated that, as discussed in work session, Council may wish to amend the budget to direct the expenditure of HURF reserve funds to provide for a street resurfacing program in 2011-2012 and elimination of staff furloughs.

Resident Dan Schweiker spoke in favor of maintaining the post office and alarm service. He also encouraged the Council to restore funding for human service agencies.

Motion and vote: Councilmember Trueblood moved to adopt Resolution Number 1234; approving the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 with amendments to the Resolution schedules to include: a) the expenditure of an additional \$1,100,000 of HURF reserve funds to be spent for a street resurfacing program; and b) the deletion of proposed mandatory employee furloughs. Vice Mayor Hamway seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Consideration of Adoption of Ordinance Number 627 Amending the Tax Code by Increasing the Local Sales Tax Rate from 1.65% to 2.50%

Mr. Miller explained that Ordinance Number 627 was continued from last meeting. The ordinance was revised based on feedback from the Council. The recitals now state that the Council desires that the new excise tax will provide adequate funding for the staffing and servicing of first-rate public safety services. Furthermore, the ordinance includes a 3-year sunset provision.

Responding to a question from Council regarding the sunset provision, Mr. Miller stated that in order for the tax to be extended beyond 3 years the Council must go through the entire public hearing process again and vote to extend the tax.

Responding to a question from Council, Mr. Bacon stated that the Town expects to receive approximately \$2,900,000 in revenue from the increase.

Motion: Vice Mayor Hamway moved to adopt Ordinance Number 627. Councilmember Collins seconded the motion.

Vote: Motion passed 4 - 3

<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Collins	Kirby
Dembow	Parker
Hamway	Trueblood
LeMarr	

ADJOURNMENT

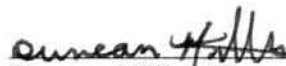
Motion and vote – Vice Mayor Hamway moved to adjourn. Councilmember Kirby seconded the motion which passed by a vote of 7-0.

Mayor LeMarr adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.



Scott P. LeMarr, Mayor

ATTEST:



Duncan Millet, Town Clerk